



Transport Neonatal & Pediatric Conference

Thursday, March 26, 2026

HUB Clinical Collaboration Building
at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Course Overview

When seconds count and the smallest patients need the highest level of care, transport teams must be ready for anything. This dynamic one-day conference brings together transport experts to explore the latest clinical management, safety innovations, and team-based approaches in neonatal and pediatric transport. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with physicians, paramedics, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other medical professionals in the field of transport medicine.

General Information

This in-person conference will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026, in the HUB for Collaboration. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials.

Registration fee: \$125

Course Objectives

- 80% of learners will articulate at least one current guidelines for prehospital and interfacility transport of critically ill neonates, infants, children, and adolescents.
- 80% of learners will identify at least one situation-specific assessment and stabilization skills in the care and management of complex, critical patients needing transport.
- 80% of learners will describe at least one new neonatal and pediatric-specific procedural skills, including alternative approaches.
- 80% of learners will explain at least one evidence-based practice that can be used to enhance medical decision-making during neonatal and pediatric emergency transports

Joint Accreditation Statement



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INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Designation of Credit

Physicians: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses: This program provides 7.5 ANCC contact hours.

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IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 7.5 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to any unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation or postponement, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will refund any registration fees, less a \$25 service charge, but is not responsible for any related costs, charges, or expenses to participants, including cancellation charges assessed by airlines/travel agencies. In order to process refunds for course withdrawals, cancellation must be received in writing by Monday, March 16, 2026. No refunds will be issued thereafter.

Services for People With Disabilities

If special arrangements are required for an individual with a disability to attend this meeting, please contact the Continuing Medical Education Department at 215-590-5263.

Hotel Accommodations

Course attendees should make their own hotel reservations early by calling one of the hotels listed below. These hotels are within walking distance of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia:

[The Study at University City](#)

20 S 33rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-387-1400

[Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel](#)

36th and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-387-8000

[The Inn at Penn](#)

3600 Sansom Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-222-0200



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PROGRAM

Thursday, March 26, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- 8:05 a.m. **Keynote - Cutting Edge Topics in Prehospital/EMS Care**
Matthew Harris, MD
- 8:45 a.m. **Transport of the Critical Neonate**
Mary Haggerty, DO
- 9:30 a.m. **Workshops I (attendees, please select one)**
- A. Transitioning of ECMO Patient to Transport ECMO Circuit
Denise Good, BSN, RN, PHRN
Susan B. Williams, MSN, RNC-NIC, CIT
- B. Non-Invasive Respiratory Support for the Bronchiolitis Patient
Emily Gilhooly, BS, RRT-NPS, EMT-B
Lauren Silvestro, BS, RRT-NPS, EMT-B
- C. Safety & Quality on the Move
Dave Mosca, MHA, CPHQ
Erica Rasavage, BSN, RN
- D. Adjuncts to Intubation Management & Airway Skills
Aaron J. Donoghue, MD, MSCE
Doug Morrow, BSN, CCRN, PHRN, NP
Akira Nishisaki, MD, MSCE
John Rogatzki, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CFRN, LNCC, CPHQ
- 10:30 a.m. **Break / Visit Exhibits**
- 10:45 a.m. **Transport of the Pediatric Trauma Patient**
Gary W. Nace, Jr., MD
- 11:30 a.m. **Transport of the Patient with Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease**
Geoffrey Bird, MD, MSIS
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch / Visit Exhibits**
- 1:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
Decision-Making Challenges in Transport Modes
Matthew Harris MD; Lillian Buchhalter, MD, MPH;
Jason Kelsall, BSN, RN, PHRN; William Mackie, MPA;
Nicholas Tsarouhas, MD (moderator)

- 1:45 p.m. Workshops II (attendees, please select one)**
A. Transitioning of ECMO Patient to Transport ECMO Circuit
Denise Good, BSN, RN, PHRN
Susan B. Williams, MSN, RNC-NIC, CIT
- B. Non-Invasive Respiratory Support for the Bronchiolitis Patient
Emily Gilhooly, BS, RRT-NPS, EMT-B
Lauren Silvestro, BS, RRT-NPS, EMT-B
- C. EMTALA & Medico-Legal
Nicholas Tsarouhas, MD
- D. Adjuncts to Intubation Management & Airway Skills
John Flibotte, MD
Doug Morrow, BSN, CCRN, PHRN, NP
John Rogatzki, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CFRN, LNCC, CPHQ
Ellie Souganidis, MD, MSEd
- 2:45 p.m. Break / Visit Exhibits**
- 3:00 p.m. Workshops III (attendees, please select one)**
A. Transitioning of ECMO Patient to Transport ECMO Circuit
Denise Good, BSN, RN, PHRN
Susan B. Williams, MSN, RNC-NIC, CIT
- B. Non-Invasive Respiratory Support for the Bronchiolitis Patient
Emily Gilhooly, BS, RRT-NPS, EMT-B
Lauren Silvestro, BS, RRT-NPS, EMT-B
- C. Transport Communications & Medical Command
Lillian Buchhalter, MD, MPH
William Mackie, MPA
- D. Adjuncts to Intubation Management & Airway Skills
Elizabeth Laverriere McGovern, MD, MPH, FAAP
Doug Morrow, BSN, CCRN, PHRN, NP
Timothy D. Nelin, MD
John Rogatzki, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CFRN, LNCC, CPHQ
- 4:00 p.m. Management of Respiratory Emergencies/Failures**
Nathan Smith, MSN, RN, PHRN
- 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks / Adjourn**

Unless otherwise noted, faculty is from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and/or the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

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